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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/841,371 : **GROUP:** Unknown
Atty. No.: 64,149-099/P-4140/P2P1 :
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Title : METHOD OF SEALING A CARTRIDGE :
OR OTHER MEDICAL CONTAINER WITH :
A PLASTIC CLOSURE :

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ABANDONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Attn: Initial Patent Examination Division
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits a Petition for Reconsideration of the Notice of Abandonment filed under 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g) mailed on August 22, 2002. The Notice of Abandonment indicates that no reply was received for a Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on June 18, 2001.

Applicant respectfully submits that a Response to the Notice of Missing Parts was forwarded by the Applicant on September 12, 2001 and received by the Office on September 14, 2001. Applicant erroneously marked Serial No. 09/814,371 on both the return postcard and upon the transmittal cover sheet. However, the correct Serial No. 09/841,371 was marked on the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney that was forwarded along with the Transmittal Cover Sheet, the return postcard and the Notice to File Missing Parts. Further, the surcharge for payment of late filing of original Declaration of Oath of \$130.00 was included with the filing. A copy of the return postcard, the Transmittal Cover Sheets, and the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached to this Petition.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be reversed by the Office because the appropriate documents were forwarded to the Office in a timely manner.

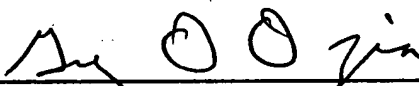
A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed with this letter in compliance with 37 CFR 1.17(h). The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment regarding this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the attached **PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ABANDONMENT** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Attn: Initial Patent Examination Division, Washington, D.C. 20231 on **September 24, 2002**.



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